



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

Examiner: Laura Estelle Edwards

Yung-Ming Chen et al.

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Title: Apparatus for Regulating Temperature of a Composition
and a Method of Coating Implantable Devices

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Edwards:

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This is a response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2002, which had a statutorily shortened period for a response that ended on December 17, 2002. Enclosed is a Petition for a one month extension of time, extending the period to respond to January 17, 2003.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made the claims. The attached enclosure is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 4 and 9-16 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended. The italicized claims are the remaining claims which have not been amended and are provided for the Examiner's reading convenience.

1. (Amended) An applicator for applying a coating substance to a stent, comprising a nozzle and a temperature controller in thermal communication with the nozzle for adjusting the temperature of a coating substance during an application of the coating substance to the stent.

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